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FOR VOA ACTING DIRECTOR FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: VOA LISTENING CONDITIONS

1. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN THE QUALITY OF VOA SIGNALS TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. THERE IS EITHER SO MUCH BACKGROUND NOISE ON THE MORNING ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWS AND BREAKFAST SHOW BROADCASTS OR DROWN-OUT BY ADJACENT STATIONS ON THE DIAL THAT THE PROGRAM IS VIRTUALLY UNINTELLIGIBLE. I AM SURE THAT ONLY THE MOST DEDICATED LISTENER IS WILLING TO PUT UP WITH ALL THIS NOISE IN HOPES OF CATCHING A CLEAR WORD OR TWO.

2. PRESENT SITUATION IS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO WHAT I ENCOUNTERED DURING MY ASSIGNMENT TO PEKING 1973-75, WHEN VOA ENGLISH CAME IN LOUD AND CLEAR.  
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